Secretary of State Announces Massage Therapy License Suspension

DOVER — Secretary of State Jeffrey Bullock has suspended the Delaware massage therapy license of Christopher D. Dorman in light of allegations of sexual assault made by several female clients.

In making this determination, Secretary Bullock considered a complaint filed by the Department of Justice, which alleged that Mr. Dorman failed to properly cover female clients during massage sessions and touched their breasts and genitals on several occasions while employed at Hand & Stone Massage and Facial Spa in Wilmington and Massage Envy in Newark. The complaint further alleged that Mr. Dorman "displayed a pattern of escalating behavior towards female clients that puts them at risk" and referenced Mr. Dorman's arrest by Wilmington Police on charges of unlawful sexual contact.

The order suspending Mr. Dorman's license was signed by the secretary on Nov. 28 with the concurrence of the president of the Board of Massage and Bodywork.

Delaware Code Title 24 enables a temporary suspension pending a hearing to be issued upon the written order of the Secretary of State, if the activity of the licensee presents a clear and immediate danger to public health, safety or welfare.

The suspension of Mr. Dorman will remain in effect for a period of 60 days, during which time disciplinary hearings will be held or the final disposition for this individual will take place. As the result of a hearing, the Board of Massage and Bodywork has the authority to impose disciplinary sanctions up to and including revocation of a practitioner's license.

The licensure status of Mr. Dorman has been updated on the Division of Professional Regulation's <u>online license</u> <u>verification service</u>. Documentation related to this suspension also may be viewed at this site.